

Rivers' Record on Ways and Means Committee

Below is a letter written voluntarily by the chairman of the ways and means committee, Mr. J. T. Liles, to Hon. J. C. Rivers in regard to Mr. Rivers work on this committee:

Orangeburg, S. C. July 12.—I learn with pleasure, that you are a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives, and I predict success for you, if the good people of your county are informed as to the splendid work you have done as a representative.

I would not undertake to advise a Legislator of your experience how to conduct a campaign for re-election, but if I were you I would emphasize the stand that you took for economy, and I would tell the people how difficult it was for the Ways and Means committee to withstand the pressure brought to bear upon them for large and in many instances, needless appropriations.

It may sound like self praise for a member of our committee to speak of the splendid record made by the committee at the session of 1916, but the people of the State should know, because of the many favorable comments made that a new standard was raised for the right kind of economy in the administration of the finances of the State.

Notwithstanding the successful effort made to keep the levy down to where it wouldn't prove a burden upon the people, we provided for the rural schools of South Carolina more liberally than they have ever been provided for before. You perhaps, will recall that the rural schools of the State received \$51,000 more during the year 1916 than they have ever received, and in this connection I wish to again thank you for your splendid efforts and cooperation in securing a favorable consideration of the appropriation for the common schools. You did splendid work along this line, and it seemed to me that you realized fully that the rural schools deserved more consideration than they have ever received, and the fight you made for them was a commendable one.

I am writing you this, because I think you deserve it, and because as I grow older I feel more and more inclined to say a word of encouragement to those, who in my judgement, are trying to contribute to the upbuilding of their State.

We had our difficulties. We did not agree on all things, and the responsibility that was upon us and the hard work that we were required to do, often times, had a tendency to make us irritable and unwilling to accede to all men the right of their opinion, yet through it all I always knew that old Rivers would stand by me, and I sincerely hope that he will remember our association with pleasure.

I wish that I could be of service to you, and if there is anything that I can do to help you in any way, don't hesitate to call upon me.

J. T. Liles.

Adv.

Stevenson and Finley to Speak

The Congressional campaign meeting in Chesterfield this year will be as follows:

Cheraw, July 28th eleven o'clock in the morning.

McBee, July 28th.

Cheraw, July 28th at night, eight thirty.

Chesterfield, eleven o'clock A. M. July 29th.

Had to Give Bond to Get Married

Monroe Enquirer.

Clerk of Court R. W. Lemmond in re-filing old county papers last week ran across a number of papers and instruments that are not only interesting from the standpoint of the sentimental references they make but from the information they give that has been practically forgotten by the people of the present age.

Few persons in Monroe or Union county remember that something like 70 years ago a man had to give a heavy bond before he could get married, nor is it a well known fact that the money standards here were made out in the old English pounds, shilling and pence system.

An old paper telling of the marriage of Mr. W. M. Richardson and Miss Jane Laney will strike deep interest to the many descendants of this venerable old pair, both of whom have passed to the world beyond, but just feed how their marriage license was worded:

"State of North Carolina, county of Union. Know all men by these presents: That we, W. M. Williams and Russell Rogers, in the State aforesaid, are held firmly bound to the State of North Carolina in the just and full sum of Five Hundred Pounds, current money of the State: To the which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we bind our heirs, executors and administrators. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 20th day of March, 1844.

"The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above bounder, W. M. Richardson, hath made application for a license for a marriage, to be celebrated between him and Jane Laney, of the county aforesaid: Now in case it shall not appear, hereafter, that there is any lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation is to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

"Signed and delivered in presence of W. M. Richardson, R. Rogers, J. G. Stafford, J. P."

The oldest license on record among the Union county records was granted to W. M. Carelock and Ruby G. Hamilton April 12, 1843. The county was established in the year 1842.

What Went Down the River.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Monday morning some of the Waxhaw people who were at the river saw a watermelon go down stream with a rabbit on one end and a terrapin on the other.

The roof of a cabin with a tile stove flue resembling a German submarine with a periscope.

Hundreds of bales of cotton washing down the river, considered with the thousands of acres of cotton land submerged along the banks, looked like the river was aiding in every way possible the farmer to get fifteen cents for his cotton.

Two men in a gasoline motor boat were joy-riding over the seething mass of wreckage, waving to the people along the bank. Another man in a paddle canoe was having just as good a time as anybody. Still another fellow, unable perhaps to secure a motor boat, was riding a log. He did not seem to be enjoying the ride quite as much as the others.

Three or four barrels bore evidence of cellars raided, and great bridge timbers told of the work of years which the mad stream had swept as trash before its onswearing rush.

Baptist Sunday School Convention

The Chesterfield Baptist Sunday school convention convened in annual session at Thompson Creek church Friday morning at 10:30. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. J. F. Crawley, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. K. Haire.

Messrs. J. F. Crawley and J. H. White were reelected president and vice president respectively. A. F. Funderburk was elected secretary.

Delegates were then enrolled. The attendance was not large, due perhaps to the rains, bad roads, full streams and broken bridges. Rev. J. K. Haire preached a very strong sermon, and the meeting adjourned for dinner, which proved a real feast.

Reports showing the progress of the work in the schools of the county were heard after the noon hour. Mrs. A. F. Funderburk then addressed the meeting on the subject of missions and mission study. Her talk was highly enjoyed and no doubt much benefit was derived therefrom. Bro. J. Arthur Knight then made a very strong and impressive address, his subject being, "The Sunday School and Service." Rev. B. D. Thames preached a very strong and highly appreciated sermon to the convention, his theme being "Sunday School and Evangelical Work."

Saturday morning opened with devotional services conducted by J. R. Melton. This was a praise service and many participated, making it a very interesting service. In the absence of Rev. R. W. Cate, the subject "Spiritual Life of a Sunday School" was ably discussed by Rev. J. K. Haire. The convention owes much to Mr. Haire, as he was always ready to fill the place of the absent ones.

The committee on time and place of next meeting, consisting of J. R. Melton, H. Z. Outen, John G. Hursey, reported Chesterfield as the place, and Friday before the 4th Sunday in July 1917 as the time.

The Convention ordered the secretary to have 1,000 blanks printed to be mailed out to all the superintendents of each Sunday School that they may make their reports and have them ready for the 1917 convention. This will be done.

The following gentlemen were named for the program committee: Messrs. Kirby Rivers, A. F. Funderburk and W. T. McBride.

The convention then adjourned.

The secretary in behalf of the visiting members, wishes to thank the good people of Thompson Creek for their genial hospitality, and brotherly love, kind and cooperative spirit.

We earnestly request that all interested in Sunday school work clip this and keep it till our next meeting.

A. F. Funderburk, Sec.

A Texas preacher talked to a cow boy audience about the prodigal son. He described in detail the foolish boy's extravagance and dissipation; his penury and his husk-eating with the swine; he told of his return, his father's loving welcome, and the preparation of the fatted calf.

The preacher in his discourse noticed a cowboy staring at him very hard. He thought he had made a convert, and addressing the cowboy personally he said from the pulpit: "My dear friend, what would you have done if you had had a son returning home like that?"

"Me?" said the cowboy promptly and fiercely. "I'd have shot the boy and raised the calf."

Appeal For Aid for Flood Sufferers

That there is destitution and need in certain flooded districts of Western North Carolina, especially in Ashe, Wilkes, Allegheny, Watauga counties on the upper waters of the Catawba and Yadkin river valleys, is the information received by The Observer and along with the information comes the request for outside aid. Governor Craig has issued a proclamation appointing a State committee to receive and handle funds and to the end that The Observer may co-operate, it urges such of its readers that may feel constrained to aid in this enterprise to forward subscriptions to this paper, which will make the proper acknowledgements or send them to the State committee in Raleigh direct.

The need is said to be very great and the situation is such that instant action is imperative.

In these mountain counties where there are so many streams and where the people made their homes for the most part in the valleys, the destruction of property and the isolation of communities has been much greater than elsewhere. In many of these localities the devastation is said to have been on a parity with the Catawba valley in the actual path of the flood. Fortunately for the lower reaches of river, few people resided on the banks of the stream and hence escaped, but in the mountainous sections conditions were different.

Finger Print Deposits

Washington Post.

Identification of criminals by their finger prints has been for a long time a recognized police practice, but it is only within recent months that this method of identification has been put to more constructive use.

It has been the custom in most banks to refuse to take accounts unless the depositor could sign his name. Thus many foreigners and even a few Americans, who have never learned to write, were barred from opening savings accounts.

In a number of banks in large cities, however, the finger print system has been adopted, and persons who have never learned to write may now open savings accounts. The fingers of the right hand are pressed lightly on a glass plate that has been covered with specially prepared ink. The impression is transferred to a card, which is filed in the bank. Then, whenever a depositor wishes to draw out his money, he can easily identify himself by his finger prints. It is believed by the institutions that have installed the new method that it will always be used for minors, because the markings on the hand form a far more reliable means of identification than the signature. Handwriting changes with maturity, but the finger markings remain the same from youth to the end of a man's life. One of the phenomena of life is that out of millions of finger prints that are on file in the cities of the United States, no two finger prints have ever been found that are exactly alike.

Sliding in Grease

Gaffney Ledger.

A few people go through this world on their brains, many slip by on their nerve, while a hullof bunch just slide along in the other fellow's grease. But never mind your gun, for we diplomatically concede that you, individually, are of the first named, while the other mortals are humbly grasping at the tazel end of the grease.

Great Poet, James W. Riley, Dead

Indianapolis, Ind., July 22.—James Whitcomb Riley, the Indiana poet, died this evening.

Riley suffered from the extreme heat all day but was thought to be resting easy tonight. He asked his nurse for a drink of water at 11 o'clock. When she returned with it he was dead.

Death was due to a stroke of paralysis.

Riley, born of the Middle West, sang the joys, sorrows, fancies and humors of its folk, largely in its own dialect. The world was so touched by his inspiration and the realism of his homely symbols that he was one of the few, that, devoting their lives to poetry, gained a fortune.

Riley was peculiarly sensitive as to the advance of age and evaded inquiries as to the date of his birth but the most accurate information available indicates that he was born in 1848.

"Should you ask his age," one of his friends said, "he would answer 'This side of forty,' and leave you to guess which side."

Big Junior Rally August 4th

Pageland Council, No. 73 Jr. O. U. A. M. is arranging for a big picnic and Junior rally to be held here on Friday, August 4th. Hon. P. A. Murray and Rev. J. L. Tyler, of Chesterfield, Rev. J. W. Quick, of Pageland, and probably others, are expected to make addresses at the school building which will be open to the public. The speaking will begin at 11:30 a. m. Rev. J. W. Quick will conduct the opening exercises and return thanks at the table. Mr. A. F. Funderburk will introduce the speakers of the day.

All Juniors and their families are requested to attend, and bring well filled baskets. The members of other councils are given a special invitation.

The Confederate veterans are most cordially invited to attend and enjoy the pleasures of the day, whether members or not.

The members of the order are asked to meet at the hall and march to and from the building. Baskets should be delivered at the hall not later than 10:30.

The committee on arranging table is composed of the following: J. C. Mangum, J. A. Turner, A. H. Mangum, G. R. Knight, J. D. Watts.

Committee on stage and seats: H. B. Sowell, J. E. Smith, C. C. Clark.

Committee to assist at table: A. F. Funderburk, W. T. Edgeworth, D. B. Harrington, H. N. Askins, H. B. Redfearn.

Some years ago, when Nansen, the explorer, visited this country after his return from one of his Polar expeditions, he was the guest of honor at a reception given by a women's club in Philadelphia. The members passed him in single file to shake his hand and express their pleasure at meeting him.

Presently there came along a little middle-aged woman, plainly in a high state of embarrassment. Nansen took her hand and bowed his head to hear what she might have to say. Owl-eyed, she stared at him without a word. There was an awkward pause. It was the lady who broke it.

"Oh, Mr. Nansen," she blurted, "our cook is a Scandinavian too!"

Mack Davis Suicides

Chesterfield, July 21.—Mack Davis, assistant cashier of the Peoples bank, aged about 40 years, was found dead of gunshot wound, supposedly self-inflicted, in the graded school building this morning about 8 o'clock.

As was his custom, he rose very early this morning, telling his wife that he was going to walk over to his farm, about two miles from town. As he did not return when expected, his wife began to get anxious about him but did not suspect anything had happened to him. A little girl playing near the school building ran in for a moment and saw the body but did not recognize it.

The weapon used was a double barrel shotgun. The report was heard by the neighbors, but no one was sure of its direction and no one suspected that there was anything wrong. Mr. Davis leaves a wife and little daughter and several brothers and sisters.

Mr. Davis' books at the bank were in perfect order and his affairs generally were in good condition.

Coldest Over Equator.

Geographical Review.

Winds blow not merely along the surface of the earth, but upward and downward throughout the atmosphere. They whirl about in directions. So it is impossible to construct a weather chart that will really show the direction of the winds, for such a chart would have to be in three dimensions.

Prof. Alexander McAdie of Harvard describes some of the recent experiments in the upper air performed by sounding balloons. The atmosphere has, roughly, two layers, the lower called the troposphere and the upper, the stratosphere.

The stratosphere is highest over the equator and lowest over the poles, but its height varies with the season. "At the equator," says Prof. McAdie, "as we rise in the air the temperature continues to fall to a much greater height than in temperate latitudes. Indeed, the lowest temperature is found above the equator."

Before the war "seamen's return" tickets were issued by most railway companies from seaport towns at reduced rates, says London Answers. A well-dressed young man asked for one of these tickets the other day, but the booking clerk demurred.

"Seamen's return tickets are issued only to sailors," he snapped.

"Well, I am a sailor," was the reply of the applicant.

"But how am I to know that your statement is correct?"

"How are you to know it?" came the answer. "Why, you leather-necked son of a sea cook, if you feel my starboard boom running foul of your headlights you'll know that I've been doing more than sitting on a stool bleating all my life, and you'll haul in your jaw tackle a bit."

The station master was standing nearby.

"Give him a ticket," he said; "he is a sailor."

Anna, the old family servant, was sitting with her feet propped on a chair when the daughter of the house entered and impressed with the enormous size of the woman's feet, asked what size shoe she wore.

"Well, Miss Cora," replied Anna, "Ah kin wear eights. Ah ginerlly wears nines. Dese ere Ah's gor on now am twelves, an' de good Lawd knows dey hu'ts me."